have been facing enormous resource constraint, to the extent that it is not able to maintain the budget allocation for Health, Education and Social Sectors;

(b) if so, the precise extent of resource constraint felt by each of the Departments; and

(c) what remedial steps have been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) The budgetary allocations for some socially important sectors during the year 1991-92(RE) and 1992-93(BE) are indicated below—

(Rs. in crores)

Sector	1991-92 (RE)	1992-93 (BE)
Health	525·31	560·29
Family Welfare	866.60	1010.41
Education	1678.98	1725.17
Women & Child Development	404.65	489.63
Rural Development	3021.24	3113.24
Welfare	507.13	559.18

The above figures would indicate that Government have been able to maintain the 1992-93 budgetary allocations at the previous year's level for the above mentioned socially important sectors.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Smuggling of chemicals on Rajasthan border

1995. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that acetic anhydride, a chemical procured from painsts and plastic industries around the major towns of Rajasthan, are being smuggled into Pakistan for processing opium into heroin;

(b) if so, what is the extent of this liquid seized at the Rajasthan border with Pakistan during the last one year till-date;

(c) what is the modus operandi of the smugglers; and

(d) what action has been taken to identify the persons involved in the smuggling and their contacts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) Attempts to smuggle acetic anhydride from India into Paikstan across the Rajasthan; Pakistan border have been detected in the recent past. The number of cases booked, the quantity

and value of acetic anhydride seized and the number of persons arrested in connection with the smuggling of acetic anhydride during the years 1991 and 1992 (upto May) are given in the table below:—

	1991	1992 (upto May)
No. of cases	3	7
Quantity of Acetic Anhydride seized (in litres) .	1882.800	6765.00
Value (Rs. in lakhs)	1.10	4·87
No. of persons arrested	1	8

The reports indicate that the acetic anhydride which is contained injerricans is being transported in trucks and jongas from Bombay and Delhi to places near the Rajasthan-Pakistan border. These jerricans are then concealed in sand dunes near the border for clandestine removal to Pakistan on camel back.

(d) Intelligence is targeted to identify the persons involved in smuggling and the persons found to have been involved are liable for penalty in departmental adjudication and also prosecution in the court of law if considered necessary.

Operation of unofficial premium markets

1996. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the unofficial premium markets are operating in different parts of the country and transacting high volume of business in unlisted/new and forthcoming issues, rates of which are quoted in most of the financial news periodicals; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to either legalise the business or to curb such markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Trading in unlisted securities of new and forthcoming issues is not permitted on the Stock Exchages. However, some Stock Exchanges have informed that such securities are reportedly being traded in some parts of the country and that some financial newspapers and periodicals publish the rates of such shares.

(b) According to the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act 1992, it shall be the duty of the Board to protect the interest of investors in securities and to promote the development of, and to regulate the securities market by such measures as it thinks fit. Further, the measures referred to above may provide for *inter alia*, the following:—

(i) regulating the business in stock exchanges and other securities markets;

(ii) registering and regulating the working of stock brokers, sub-brokers, share transfer agents, bankers to an issue, trustees of trust deeds, registrars to an issue, merchant bankers, under-writers, portfolio managers, investment advisers and such other intermediaries